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Improved French Prune

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At the time of the introduction of the Sugar prune Mr. Burbank had another prune, a pure seedling of the "French," which he subsequently sold to Leonard Coates. This prune retained the leading characteristics of its parent both in tree and fruit, the fruit, however, averaging considerably larger. All growers know that a prune, equal in quality and identical in appearance to the "French prune," but running 40-50 or even 50-60 to the pound, would be double the value of the ordinary prune, which, at best, is variable in size.

Owing to the depression in the prune market at the time, and the uncertainty regarding the "Sugar prune" as a dried product, and the further fact that Mr. Coates had temporarily retired from the nursery business, this New Prune was never offered for sale. The original stock was kept, however, from which we are now propagating.

It is imperative that the size of our prunes be increased. While soil, cultivation, and pruning will do much, there are many trees in every orchard, and sometimes nearly all, which will always bear small fruit. This is because the grafts imported from France in the early days were taken from trees producing such fruit. What is needed more than anything else in the prune business is a "French prune" that will be uniform in size. It will then be for the grower to select suitable soil and location, and give the proper attention to cultivation.

Price of trees, 1 year old, on Myrobalan or Almond root,
\$2.00 each, \$10.00 per half dozen, \$18.00 per dozen.

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